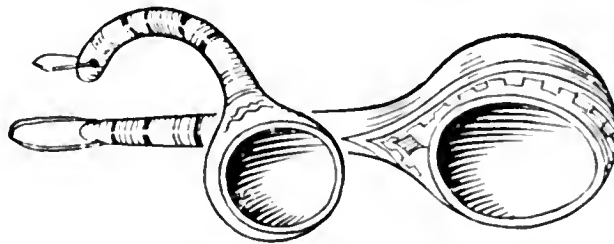


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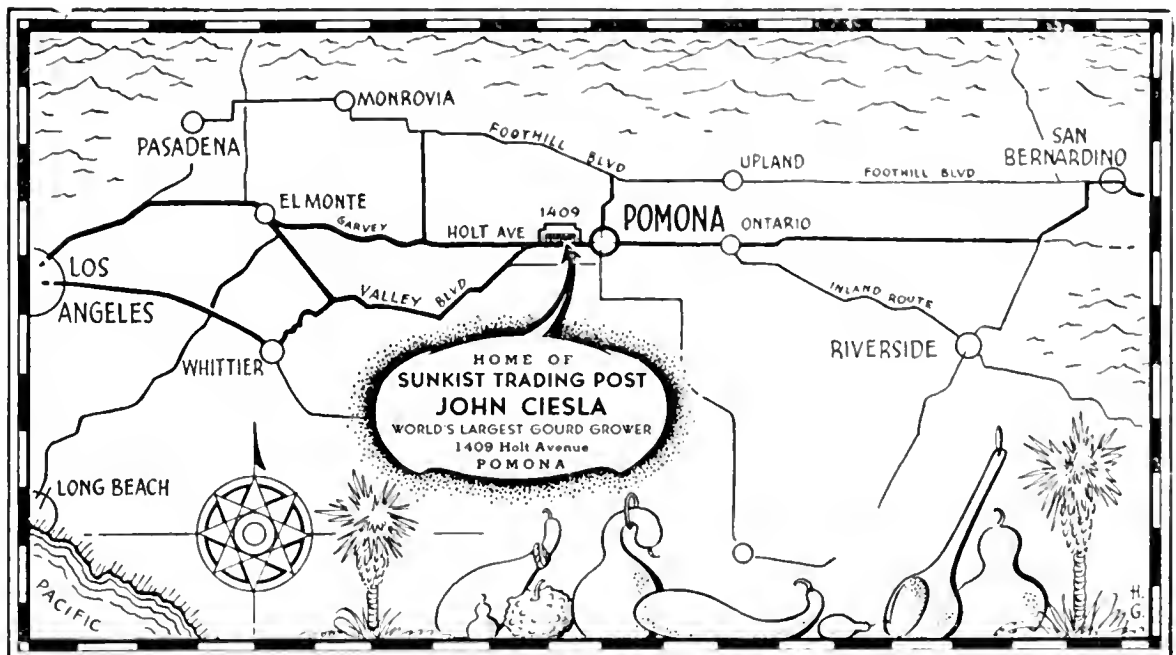
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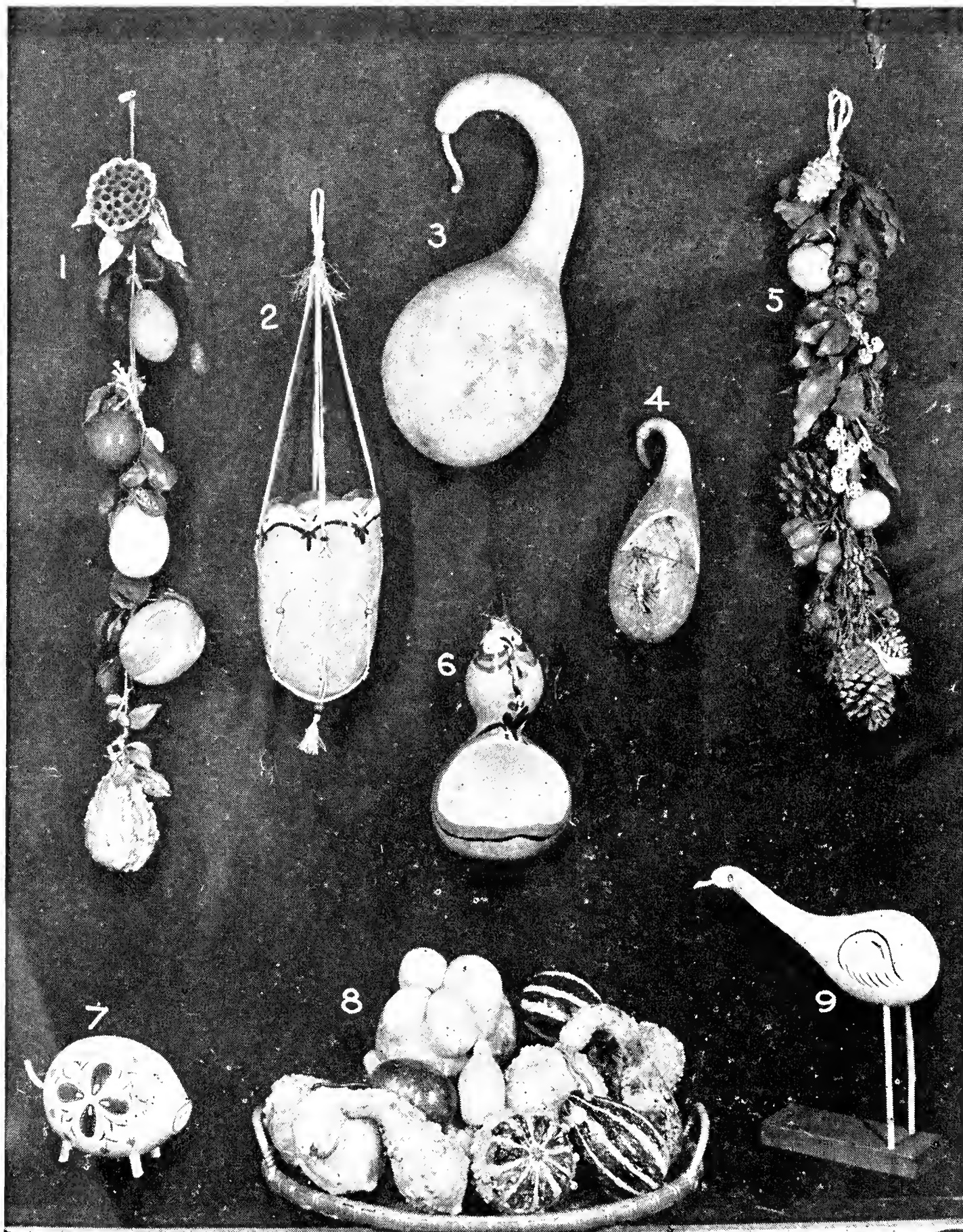
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Gourd Dipper





~ G O U R D ~ SEED CATALOGUE

BY JOHN CISLA
WORLD'S LARGEST GOURD GROWER
1409 WEST HOLT AVENUE
POMONA, CALIFORNIA



GOURD STRING SPECIAL

MAKE your own beautiful Ramona Love charm strings. We will furnish enough gourds and tropical seed pods to make one large or two small strings including the following materials:-

50 Bottle Tree seed pods value	. . .	1c each
10 Flowering Eucalyptus value	. . .	1c each
10 Eucalyptus Clusters	. . .	1c each
1 Branch Baby Eucalyptus bells value	. . .	5c each
1 Australian Octopus value	. . .	10c each
5 Pods of St. John's Bread (Carab) value	. . .	1c each
1 Lotus Lily Seed Pod value	. . .	10c each
5 Large Sycamore Balls value	. . .	1c each
1 Unicorn or Devil's Claw value	. . .	10c each
2 Magnolia Cones value	. . .	5c each
1 Large Dry Chilli Pepper value	. . .	5c each
2 Unusual Jacaranda seed pods value	. . .	2½c each
Gourd for bottom of string (hardshell)	. . .	10c each

2 Musquite Screw Beans val.	5c	1 Charm String Cord Val.	5c
1 Gourd medium size	5c	1 Bunch raffia to tie string	5c

One dollar and seventy cents worth of material for 1.00 We pay the postage

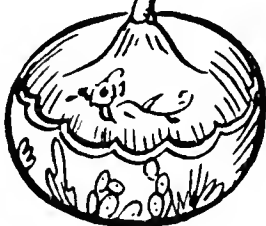
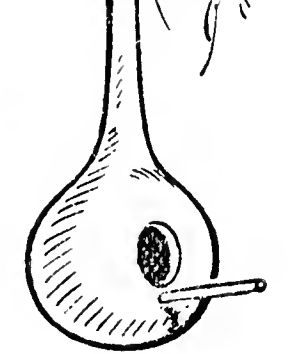


GOURD SEED

GROW your own gourds for pleasure and profit. Gourds from all corners of the world are now offered for sale, they will grow over your old fences, will provide shade for your chickens, camouflage your chicken pen, furnish shade, flowers, everlasting fruit, joy, work, money and pleasure.

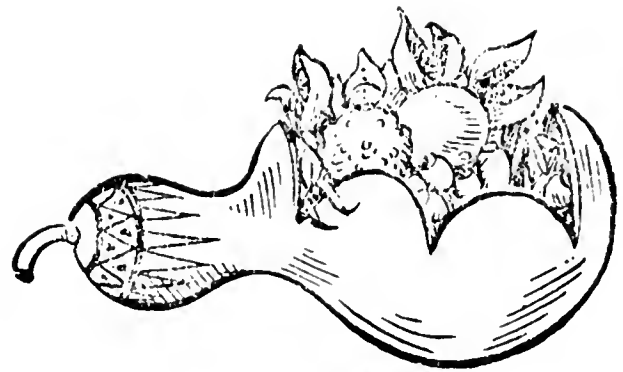
Select your seeds, each package 10c, 15 packages \$1.00

Your choice and we pay postage

Turk's Caps (Red)	10c		
Peruvian Long Handle Dipper	10c		
Large flat Canteen	10c		
Large Sugar Trough	10c		
Large double neck bottle gourd	10c		
Turk's Turban or Bishop Mitre (edible)	10c		
Medium double neck Bottle Gourd	10c		
Miniture double neck Bottle Gourd	10c		
African Calabash or Pipe Gourd	10c		
Wrinkled Moranka or Dolphin from Guatamala	10c	Crane Neck Gourd	10c
Calif. wild gourds(perennial)(Medicine root)	10c	Balsam Apple	10c
Warty and ornamental assorted colorful gourds	10c	Pear-Shaped Gourd	10c
Mexican blue seeded Ox Heart shaped Gourd	10c	Peruvian Club Gourd	10c
The Serpent Gourd from Japan (Serpentina)	10c	Appleshaped Gourd	10c
Hybrids hard shell gourds not standardized	10c	Mexicon Round Gourd	10c
Pomegranate, Dudain, Perfume Gourd	10c	Indian variegated corn	10c
Nexican Spoon (very useful hard sheell)	10c	Mock Orange Gourd	10c
Buhda or Sacred Gourd 10 holy fingers	10c	Matea (Argentine Gourd)	10c
Hercules Club (long straight gourd)	10c	Unicorn seeds (not gourds)	10c
Hybrids ornamental not standardized	10c	Pelican Neck Gourds	10c
Bi-Color Spoon (very pretty color)	10c	South Sea Island Long Dippers	10c
Zucca the Candy Gourd (very large)	10c	Guiena Bean (very long gourd)	10c
Luffa or Dish Rag Gourd, black Seed	10c	Korean Gourds very hard shell	10c
Gerkhins (smallest gourd from India)	10c		
Balsam Pear (Momordica Balsamina)	10c		



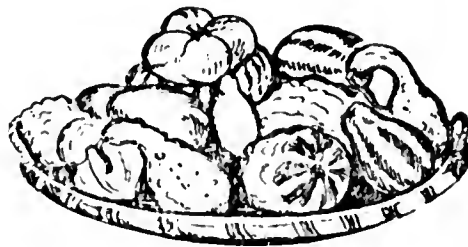
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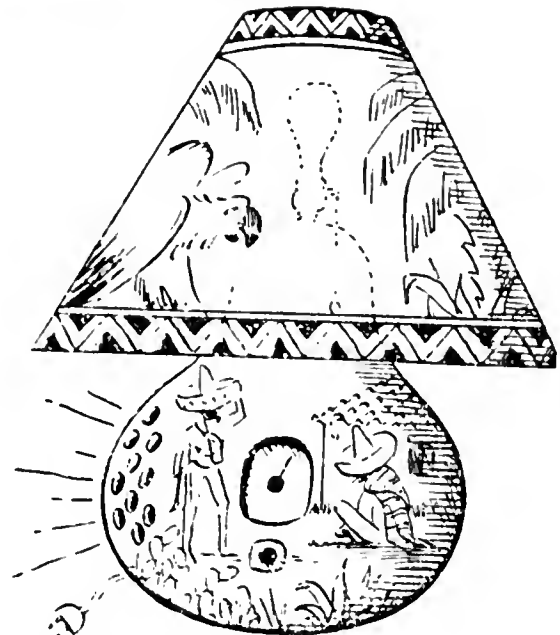
Gourd Centerpiece



Centerpiece

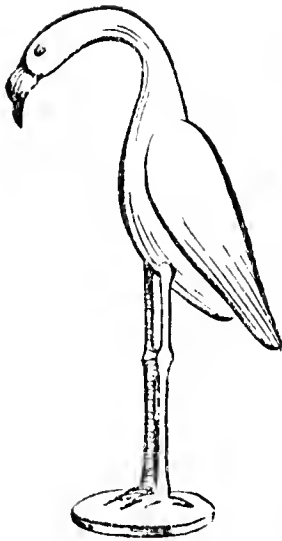


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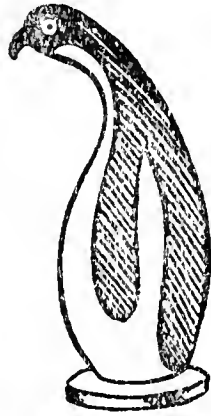


Radio and Lamp Made in Gourd

DECORATED GOURDS

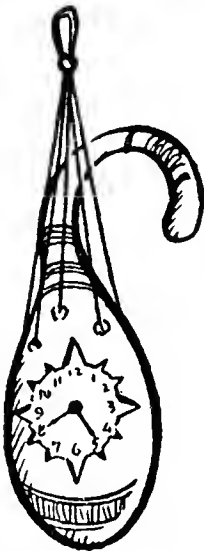


Gourd candy box or basket	\$1.00
Note gourds "If not at home leave note"	1.00
Mail box	1.00
Gourd Penguin, small	.35
Gourd Penguin, large	.75
Gourd vase, small	.50
Gourd vase, large	1.00
Horn of Plenty	1.50
Bird house	1.00
Gourd Dolphin	1.00
Nature's Corsage	.50
Gourd buttons	
Mexican design	.10



The most beautiful sporting gourd belts	\$1.25
Adjustable gourd bracelet, Mexican design	1.50
Moracas for Spanish rumba	.75
Candle holders, Mexican figures	.75
Salt and Pepper Shaker, desert design	.50

MISCELLANIOUS



Book "Garden of Gourds." by Bailey	\$2.50
Book "Decorating Gourds for Pleasure and Profit."	.50
Membership in Gourd Artists and Gourd Growers Assn.	.50
Raffia hangers for gourds or flower boules, with beads	.15
Raffia hangers with large colored beads	.30
Raffia hangers, plain	.10
Colored Raffia assorted bunch	.10
Colored Raffia per pound	.80
Raffia, plain, per pound	.50
Mexican colored string, any colored bunch	.05

Mexican assorted colors charm string cord	.02
Bottle tree pods for charm strings, pound	.25
Eucalyptus bells per pound	.25
Oil paints, any color	.15

We pay postage on orders amounting to \$1.00 and over.



GOURDS AND THEIR USE

LIST of Gourds for making useful and ornamental articles at home :: :: ::



	Each		
Gourds for note or mail box .	15c	Gourds for lamp base—or shade	25c
Gourds for bird houses .	10c	Gourds for shade pulls . . .	10c
Gourds for bird feeding station	10c	Gourds for powder and puff bxs.	10c
Gourds for bird nests .	10c	Gourds for jewelry boxes .	10c
Gourds for making miniature vases	10c	Gourds for candy boxes, small	10c
Gourds for making large vases	20c	Gourds for horn of plenty .	25c
Gourds for large pop corn bowl	25c	Gourds, dish rags for baths .	20c
Gourds for individual		Gourd, Mexican medicine gourd	35c
pop corn bowls .	10c	Gourds for hangers . . .	25c
Gourds far small penguins .	10c	Gourds for making gourd belts	25c
Gourds for large penguins -	20c	Gourds, for adjustable bracelets	20c
Gourds for Mexican musical instrument .	25c	Gourds for wine jugs .	25c
Gourds for Spanish rumba rattles . . .	10c	Gourds for kitchen silver .	25c
Gourds for Indian war dance rattles . . .	25c	Gourds for sugar bowls .	10c
Gourds for Dolphin fish (Marankas) . . .	35c	Gourds for tooth pick holders	10c
Gourds for salt and pepper shakers .	10c	Gourds for egg baskets . .	25c
Gourds for table decoration	10c		
Gourds for stork or crane .	25c		
Gourds for goofy bird .	25c		
Gourds for small baskets	10c		
Gourds for medium baskets	20c		
Gourds for large baskets .	50c		
Gourds for radio	\$3.00		
Gourds for small dippers .	10c		
Gourds for large dippers .	25c		
Gourds for candle holders	15c		
Gourds for door stops .	25c		
Gourds for making souvenirs	10c		
Gourds for charm strings, large	10c		
Gourds for charm strings, medium	5c		
Gourd for making stocking darning	10c		
Gourds for potato mashers .	10c		
Gourds for clothes pin basket	25c		

HAVE A GOURD ARBOR

Would you like to have a gourd arbor with gourds hanging down from above, formed by the mystic hand of the nature's culturer in the most fantastic shapes and forms imaginable? To be gazed upon in awe and wonderment at what Mother Nature can produce?

As I am writing this, I am looking upon an arbor about ten feet high, with rows eight feet apart and joined at the top by the ends of the gourd vines and fastened tight to the wires above by their own tendrils or octopus arms.

From above are hanging spherical and globular shapes of the Plebeial Gourd. Like the goblins, they are swaying in the breeze that finds its way through the dense foliage of the gourd vine. It is a sight of beauty and admiration, and a real place of comfort and relaxation in this my arbor of gourds.

When the sun has gone to rest is the time the gourds look their best, for it is then that the blossoms open, for the gourds are night bloomers and bloom at night except for those of the *Cucurbita Pepo*, which are yellow bloomers and bloom in the day time only.

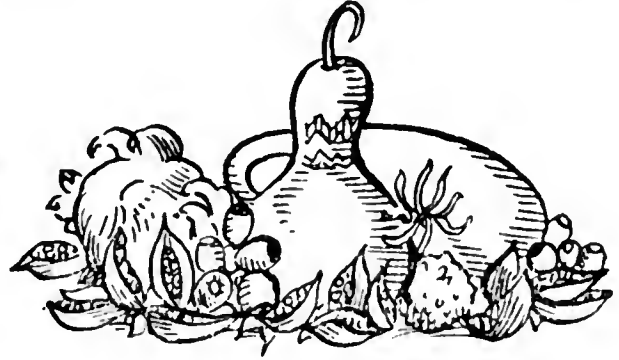
From the far and strange lands of Mexico, and the far lands of Central and South America, as well as Africa and Asia, the missionary workers have used the gourds, and seeing their great value as household utilities and also their great ornamental value, have, upon coming back to this country, brought gourd seeds with them. It is now no longer necessary to hunt for the seeds all over the globe as we have in this country every gourd and gourd seeds that are worth-while growing, whether it be for curiosity, ornaments, food or utility.

It is simple to grow gourds, I mean the real hard shell lagenaria gourds. They dry hard and stay that way indefinitely, for they have very few pests to bother them and are such fast growers that they outgrow everything in their path and keep on growing sometimes to a length of forty feet. Their vines stretch in all directions, with fruit high and low and never bothered by pests. This fruit, or the gourds, when perfectly dry, can be cut, carved, polished, painted or decorated and made into hundreds of useful and ornamental articles which find ready market wherever they are shown and are greatly sought as souvenirs.

To you, my dear reader, I will say: "Grow some Gourds for pleasure and profit."

TABLE CENTERPIECE SPECIAL

HAVE YOUR OWN FUN assembling the most artistic centerpiece. Blend your own colors to harmonize with your surroundings and astonish your friends. —Materials are as follows:

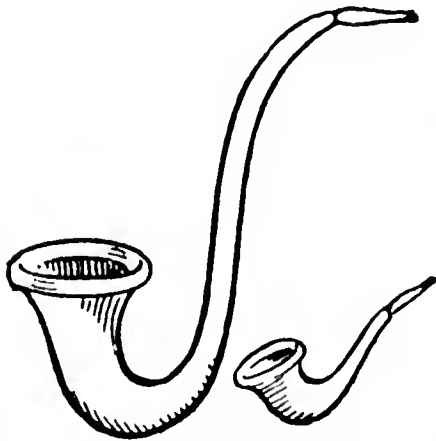


	Value
1 Doubleneck Gourd (Bottle)	25c
1 Crown of thorns . . .	25c
1 Calabash gourd . . .	15c
1 Luffa or Dish Rag gourd .	10c
1 Warty gourd . . .	10c
10 Australian Flowering Eucalyptus bells . . .	10c
20 Australian Sterholia Diversifolia . . .	20c
10 Australian Eucalyptus Star Clusters . . .	10c

1 Australian Octopus . . .	10c
2 Musquitte screw beans	10c
6 Unusual Jacorandra seed pods	15c
1 Egyptipn Lotus Lilly seed pods	15c
1 Bunch of colored raffia	10c

One dollar and eighty cents worth of material for \$1.00 —We pay postage.

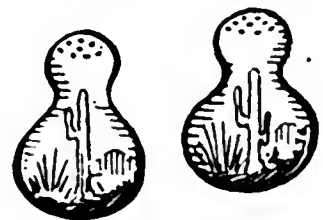
GOURD NOVELTIES



PAINTED, decorated gourds, Romone lucky love charm strings and other gourd novelties.

Charm string natural color 20 in. long	50c
Charm string natural color 30 in. long	75c
Charm string natural color large size	\$1.00
Charm strings in beautiful colors 20 in.	1.00

Charm strings in beautiful colors 25 in. long	\$1.25
Charm strings in Mexican colors 30 in. long	1.50
Charm strings made of gourds only . . .	1.50



We pay postage on orders of \$1.00 or more.

My dear customer:

If you were able to come to my gourd studio you would wish that you would have known something about gourds long ago, for you would be astonished to see so many beautiful articles made from gourds with hardly any tools or machinery, depending mostly upon the nature or the different kinds, shapes, patterns and designs. Each individual article is the art of nature with the finishing touches of the artistic hand.

The great opportunity that is open to those who will take advantage of this new enterprise is beyond imagination, for in the near future the gourds grown by American farmers and finished by American artists will displace the cheap foreign merchandise in our stores.

It is my sincere desire to see those days when American products will be used in American homes.

You will receive the greatest pleasure and satisfaction when you play and assist nature in growing your own gourds, and then your fun begins by transforming these cucurbitas into the art and beauty of your dreams.

You can put the finishing touch to your love charm, center piece or fruit bowl with seed pods you may be lucky enough to find on trees or shrubs growing in your vicinity or you can grow your own.

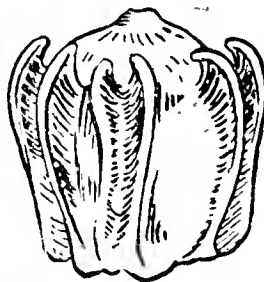
Grow your gourds for pleasure and profit,

Sincerely yours,

John Ciesla



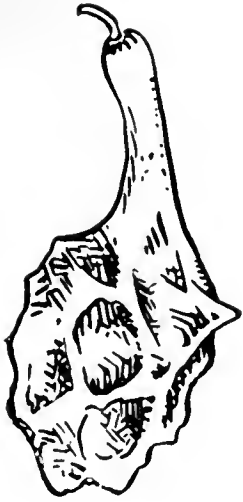
Turk's Head



Crown of Thorns



Dish Rag Gourd



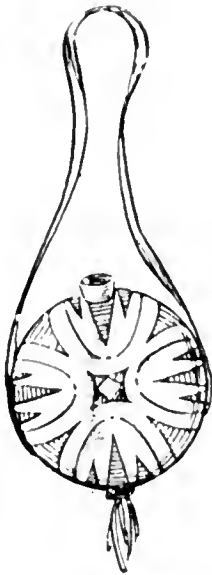
Maranka



Bottle Tree Pods



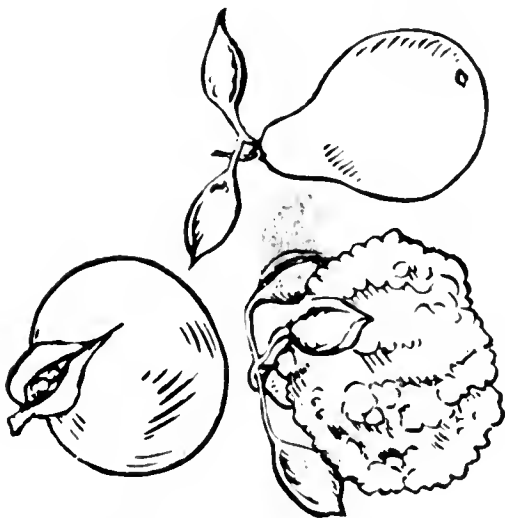
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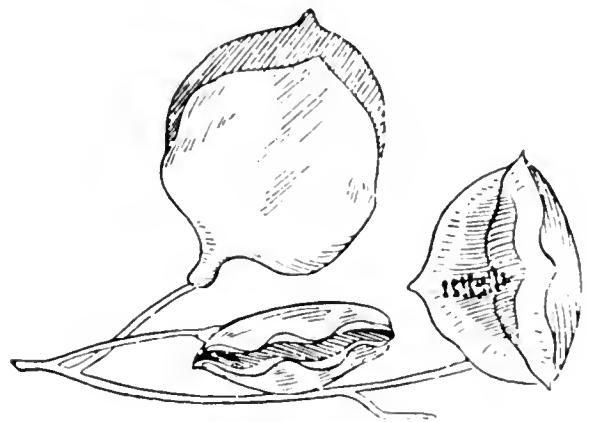
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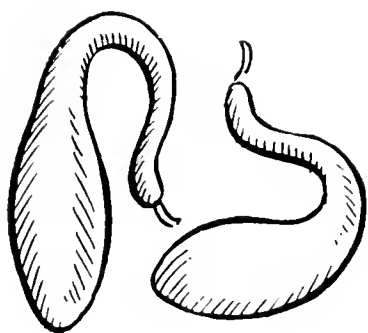
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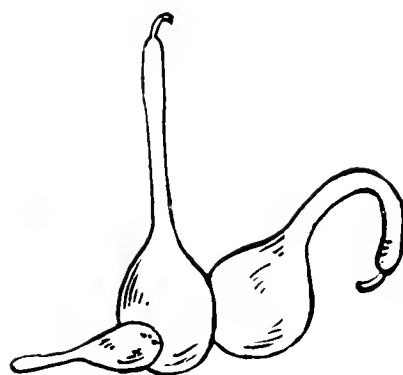
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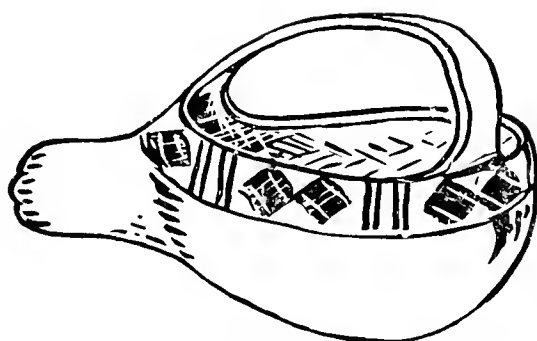
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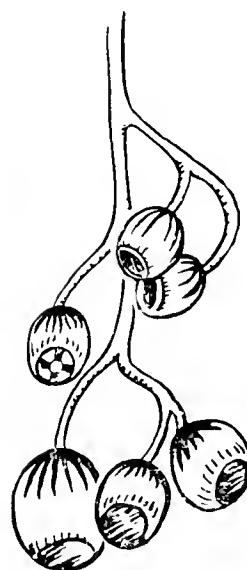
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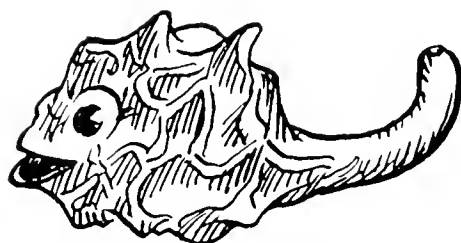
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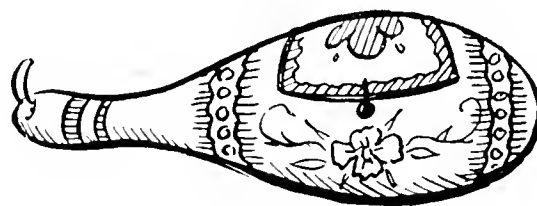
Gourd Basket



Eucalyptus Bells



Maranka Fish



Candy Box